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Sunday, June 6, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ Sunday of the Blind Man
- ◇ Hilarion the New of Dalmation Monastery
- ◇ Bessarion the Wonderworker of Egypt

But I assert that he even received benefit from his blindness: since he recovered the sight of the eyes within.

**St. John Chrysostom**

Homily 56 on John 9, 4th Century

When, then, have they taken place, save when the Word of God Himself came in the body? Or when did He come, if not when lame men walked, and stammerers were made to speak plain, and deaf men heard, and men blind from birth regained their sight? For this was the very thing the Jews said who then witnessed it, because they had not heard of these things having taken place at any other time.

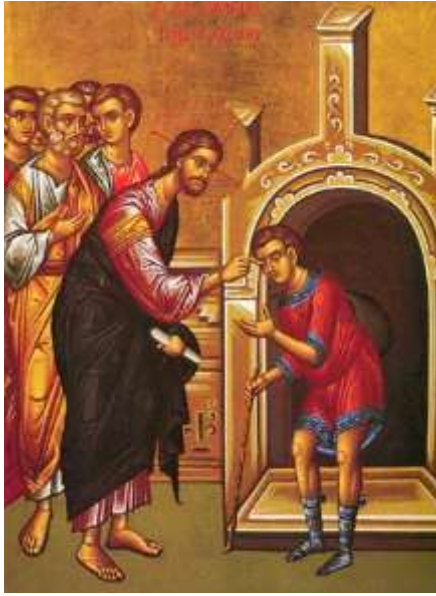
**St. Athanasius**

*Incarnation of the Word 38, 4th Century*

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## Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



## Sunday of the Blind Man

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the

Pool of Siloam."

Therefore, the Saviour sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay-not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.



Do you work in the city of Chicago?  
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.  
6:30 AM

## June

**June 10:** Ascension

**June 24:** The Nativity of the Forerunner

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil  
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# Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

## **Apolytikion of Pascha**

Plagal of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Christ is risen from the dead, by death,  
trampling down upon death, and to  
those in the tombs He has granted life.

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον**

Ἦχος πλ. α'

Χριστός ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ  
θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς  
μνήμασι ζῶήν χαρισάμενος.

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

Plagal of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the  
Word, Who was begotten of the Virgin for  
our salvation. As the faithful, we both praise  
and worship Him; for He consented to  
ascend the cross in the flesh and to endure  
death. Thus He raised the dead unto life  
through His all glorious resurrection.

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον**

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Ἦχος πλ. α'

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι,  
τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν,  
ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτ  
ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ  
θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείρειν τοὺς  
τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

## **Apolytikion for the Church**

1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the  
earth, for it accepted your word, through  
which you taught the dogmas befitting God,  
you expounded on the nature of all that is,  
and you arranged the morals of society. A  
royal priesthood! Devout father Basil,  
intercede with Christ our God, to grant us  
His great mercy.

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ**

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς  
δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς  
ἐδογμάτισας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας,  
τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας,  
Βασιλεῖον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν  
τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα  
ἔλεος.

## **Kontakion**

Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

Though You went down into the tomb, You  
destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the  
victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-  
bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace  
to Your disciples, You who raise up the  
fallen.

## **Κοντάκιον**

Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ  
Ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς  
νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις  
φθεγξάμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς  
Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς  
πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.



## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

### The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there

### Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 16:16-34 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, ἐγένετο δὲ πορευομένων ἡμῶν εἰς προσευχὴν παιδίσκην τινὰ ἔχουσαν πνεῦμα πύθωνος ἀπαντῆσαι ἡμῖν, ἣτις ἐργασίαν πολλὴν παρεῖχε τοῖς κυρίοις αὐτῆς μαντευομένη. αὕτη κατακολουθήσασα τῷ Παύλῳ καὶ τῷ Σίλᾳ ἔκραζε λέγουσα· οὗτοι οἱ ἄνθρωποι δοῦλοι τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου εἰσὶν, οἵτινες καταγγέλλουσιν ἡμῖν ὁδὸν σωτηρίας. τοῦτο δὲ ἐποίει ἐπὶ πολλὰς ἡμέρας. διαπονηθεὶς δὲ ὁ Παῦλος καὶ ἐπιστρέψας τῷ πνεύματι εἶπε· παραγγέλλω σοι ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐξελθεῖν ἀπ' αὐτῆς. καὶ ἐξῆλθεν αὐτῇ τῇ ὥρᾳ. Ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ κύριοι αὐτῆς ὅτι ἐξῆλθεν ἡ ἐλπίς τῆς ἐργασίας αὐτῶν, ἐπιλαβόμενοι τὸν Παῦλον καὶ τὸν Σίλαν εἵλκυσαν εἰς τὴν ἀγορὰν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἄρχοντας, καὶ προσαγαγόντες αὐτοὺς τοῖς στρατηγοῖς εἶπον· οὗτοι οἱ ἄνθρωποι ἐκταράσσουσιν ἡμῶν τὴν πόλιν Ἰουδαῖοι ὑπάρχοντες, καὶ καταγγέλλουσιν ἔθνη ἃ οὐκ ἔξεστιν ἡμῖν παραδέχεσθαι οὐδὲ ποιεῖν Ῥωμαίοις οὗσι. καὶ συνεπέστη ὁ ὄχλος κατ' αὐτῶν. καὶ οἱ στρατηγοὶ περιρρήξαντες αὐτῶν τὰ ἱμάτια ἐκέλευον ῥαβδίζειν, πολλὰς τε ἐπιθέντες αὐτοῖς πληγὰς ἔβαλον εἰς φυλακὴν, παραγγείλαντες τῷ δεσμοφύλακι ἀσφαλῶς τηρεῖν αὐτούς· ὃς παραγγελίαν τοιαύτην εἰληφὼς ἔβαλεν αὐτοὺς εἰς τὴν ἐσωτέραν φυλακὴν καὶ τοὺς πόδας αὐτῶν ἡσφαλίσατο εἰς τὸ .



was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

ξύλον Κατὰ δὲ τὸ μεσονύκτιον Παῦλος καὶ Σίλας προσευχόμενοι ὕμνουν τὸν Θεόν· ἐπηκροῶντο δὲ αὐτῶν οἱ δέσμιοι. ἄφνω δὲ σεισμὸς ἐγένετο μέγας, ὥστε σαλευθῆναι τὰ θεμέλια τοῦ δεσμοτηρίου, ἀνεώχθησάν τε παραχρῆμα αἱ θύραι πᾶσαι καὶ πάντων τὰ δεσμὰ ἀνέθη. ἔξυπνος δὲ γενόμενος ὁ δεσμοφύλαξ καὶ ἰδὼν ἀνεωγμένας τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, σπασάμενος μάχαιραν ἔμελλεν ἑαυτὸν ἀναιρεῖν, νομίζων ἐκπεφυγέναι τοὺς δεσμίους. ἐφώνησε δὲ φωνῇ μεγάλη ὁ Παῦλος λέγων· μηδὲν πράξης σεαυτῷ κακόν· ἅπαντες γάρ ἐσμεν ἐνθάδε. αἰτήσας δὲ φῶτα εἰσεπήδησε, καὶ ἔντρομος γενόμενος προσέπεσε τῷ Παύλῳ καὶ τῷ Σίλᾳ, καὶ προαγαγὼν αὐτοὺς ἔξω ἔφη· κύριοι, τί με δεῖ ποιεῖν ἵνα σωθῶ; οἱ δὲ εἶπον· πιστεύσον ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ σωθήσῃ σὺ καὶ ὁ οἶκός σου. καὶ ἐλάλησαν αὐτῷ τὸν λόγον τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ πᾶσι τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ αὐτοῦ. καὶ παραλαβὼν αὐτοὺς ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ὥρᾳ τῆς νυκτὸς ἔλουσεν ἀπὸ τῶν πληγῶν, καὶ ἐβαπτίσθη αὐτὸς καὶ οἱ αὐτοῦ πάντες παραχρῆμα, ἀναγαγὼν τε αὐτοὺς εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ παρέθηκε τράπεζαν, καὶ ἡγαλλιάσατο πανοικὶ πεπιστευκῶς τῷ Θεῷ.



# ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

## The Gospel According to John 9: 1-38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

## Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 9: 1-38 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παράγων εἶδεν ἄνθρωπον τυφλὸν ἐκ γενετῆς. Καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες · ῥαββί, τίς ἥμαρτεν, οὗτος ἢ οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ, ἵνα τυφλὸς γεννηθῇ; ἀπεκρίθη ἡησοῦς · οἷ τε οὗτος ἥμαρτεν οἷ τε οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ, ἀλλ' ἵνα φανερωθῇ τὰ ἔργα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν αὐτῷ. ἐμὲ δεῖ ἐργάζεσθαι τὰ ἔργα τοῦ πέμψαντός με ἕως ἡμέρας ἐστίν · ἔρχεται νύξ ὅτε οὐδεὶς δύναται ἐργάζεσθαι. ὅταν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ᾤ, φῶς εἰμι τοῦ κόσμου. ταῦτα εἰπὼν ἐπτυσσε χαμαὶ καὶ ἐποίησε πηλὸν ἐκ τοῦ πτύσματος, καὶ ἐπέρυθσε τὸν πηλὸν ἐπὶ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς τοῦ τυφλοῦ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ · ἀπῆλθεν οὖν καὶ ἐνίψατο, καὶ ἦλθε βλέπων. Οἱ οὖν γείτονες καὶ οἱ θεωροῦντες αὐτὸν τὸ πρότερον ὅτι τυφλὸς ἦν, ἔλεγον · οὐχ οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ καθημενος καὶ προσαιτῶν; ἄλλοι ἔλεγον ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν · λουλλοὶ δὲ ὅτι ὁμοιος αὐτῷ ἐστίν. ἐκεῖνος ἔλεγεν ὅτι ἐγὼ εἰμι. ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ · πῶς ἀνέωχθησάν σου οἱ ὀφθαλμοί; ἀπεκρίθη ἐκεῖνος καὶ εἶπεν · θρωνθρωπος λεγόμενος ἡησοῦς πηλὸν ἐποίησε καὶ ἐπέχρισέ μου τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς καὶ εἶπέ μοι · εἶπον οὖν αὐτῷ · ποῦ ἐστίν ἐκεῖνος; λέγει · οὐκ οἶδα. Ἀγουσιν αὐτὸν πρὸς τοὺς Φαρισαίους, τὸν ποτε τυφλόν. ἦν δὲ σάββατον ὅτε τὸν πηλὸν ἐποίησεν ἡησοῦς καὶ ἀνέωξεν αὐτοῦ τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς. πάλιν οὖν ἠρώτων αὐτὸν καὶ οἱ Φαρισαῖοι πῶς ἀνέβλεψεν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς · πηλὸν ἐπέθηκε μοι ἐπὶ τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς, καὶ ἐνιψάμην, καὶ βλέπω. ἔλεγον οὖν ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων τινές · οὗτος ὁ θρωνθρωπος οὐκ ἔστι παρὰ τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὅτι τὸ σάββατον οὐ τηρεῖ. ἄλλοι ἔλεγον · πῶς δύναται ἄνθρωπος ἁμαρτωλὸς τοιαῦτα σημεῖα ποιεῖν; καὶ σχίσμα ἦν ἐν αὐτοῖς. λέγουσι τῷ τυφλῷ πάλιν · σὺ τί λέγεις περὶ αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἡνοιξέ σου τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν ὅτι προφήτης ἐστίν. οὐκ ἐπίστευσαν οὖν οἱ ουουδαῖοι περὶ αὐτοῦ ὅτι τυφλὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέβλεψεν ἕως ὅτου ἐφώνησαν τοὺς γονεῖς αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἀναβλέψαντος καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτοὺς

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

λέγοντες · πῶς οὖν ἄρτι βλέπει; ταῦτα εἶπον οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἐφοβοῦντο τοὺς ουουδαίους · ἤδη γὰρ συνετέθειντο οἱ ουουδαῖοι ἵνα, ἐάν τις αὐτὸν ὁμολογήσῃ Χριστόν, ἀποσυνάγωγος γένηται. διὰ τοῦτο οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ εἶπον ὅτι ἡλικίαν ἔχει, αὐτὸν ἐρωτήσατε. ἐφώνησαν οὖν ἐκ δευτέρου τὸν ἄνθρωπον ὃς ἦν τυφλός, καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ · δὸς δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ · ἡμεῖς οἶδαμεν ὅτι ὁ θρωνθρωπος οὗτος ἁμαρτωλός ἐστιν. ἀπεκρίθη οὖν ἐκεῖνος καὶ εἶπεν · εἰ ἁμαρτωλός ἐστιν οὐκ οἶδα · ἐγὼ οἶδα, ὅτι τυφλός ὦ ὦρτι βλέπω. εἶπον δὲ αὐτῷ πάλιν · τί ἐποίησέ σοι; πῶς ἤνοιξέ σου τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς; ἀπεκρίθη αὐτοῖς · εἶπον ὑμῖν ἤδη, καὶ οὐκ ἠκούσατε · τί πάλιν θέλει ἀκούειν; μὴ καὶ ὑμεῖς θέλει αὐτοῦ μαθηταὶ γενέσθαι; ἐλοιδόρησαν αὐτὸν καὶ εἶπον · σὺ εἰ μαθητὴς ἐκείνου · ἡμεῖς δὲ τοῦ Μωϋσέως ἐσμὲν μαθηταί. ἡμεῖς οἶδαμεν ὅτι Μωϋσεὶ λελάληκεν ὁ Θεός · τοῦτον δὲ οὐκ οἶδαμεν πόθεν ἐστίν. ἀπεκρίθη ὁ θρωνθρωπος καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς · ἐν γὰρ τούτῳ θαυμαστόν ἐστιν, ὅτι ὑμεῖς οὐκ οἰδατε πόθεν ἐστί, καὶ ἀνέφξέ μου τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς. οἶδαμεν δὲ ὅτι ἁμαρτωλῶν ὁ Θεὸς οὐκ ἀκούει, ἀλλ' ἐάν τις θεοσεβῆς ἢ καὶ τὸ θέλημα αὐτοῦ ποιῇ, τούτου ἀκούει. ἐκ τοῦ αἰῶνος οὐκ ἠκούσθη ὅτι ἤνοιξέ τις ὀφθαλμούς τυφλοῦ γεγεννημένου. εἰ μὴ ἦν οὗτος παρὰ Θεοῦ, οὐκ ἠδύνατο ποιεῖν οὐδέν. ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ · ἐν ἁμαρτίαις σὺ ἐγεννήθης ὅλος, καὶ σὺ διδάσκεις ἡμᾶς; καὶ ἐξέβαλον αὐτὸν ἔξω.

Κουκουσεν ἡησοῦς ὅτι ἐξέβαλον αὐτὸν ἔξω, καὶ εὐρὼν αὐτὸν εἶπεν αὐτῷ · σὺ πιστεύεις εἰς τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ; ἀπεκρίθη ἐκεῖνος καὶ εἶπε · καὶ τίς ἐστι, Κύριε, ἵνα πιστεύσω εἰς αὐτόν; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ἡησοῦς · καὶ ἐώρακας αὐτὸν καὶ ὁ λαλῶν μετὰ σοῦ ἐκεῖνός ἐστιν. ὁ δὲ ἔφη · πιστεύω, Κύριε · καὶ προσεκύνησεν αὐτῷ.

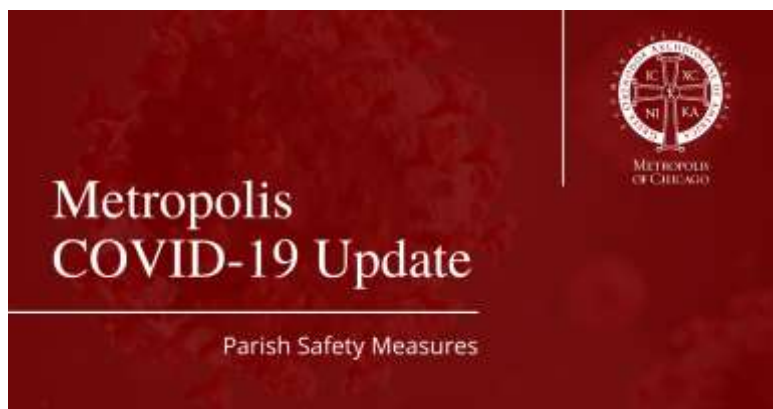


# Latest St. Basil Covid-19 Guidelines (June 1, 2021)

In keeping with the updated [Metropolis Guidelines](#), along with current State and City requirements, St. Basil is adopting the following protocols for our Parishioners.

## Liturgical Guidelines

- Parishioners will enter through main doors of the Church beginning June 13 (Parishioners will continue to enter from the ADA door until June 13)
- While you will not be asked about your vaccination status, we do require all parishioners to sign in for contact tracing.
- If you are vaccinated, you are no longer required to wear a mask or socially distance.
- If you are unvaccinated, we ask you to continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing.
- For those who wish to continue observing social distance and for those who are not vaccinated, we ask that you sit on the **South side of the Church**.
- Beginning June 6<sup>th</sup>, coffee hour will resume. Similar to the nave of the Church, the Hall will be split in half to accommodate all of our parishioners. The North side of the Hall will be for those who are vaccinated and wish to forgo social distancing and the South side of the Hall will be for those wishing to continue social distancing, and for those who are not vaccinated.
- When the St. Basil Choir resumes in the fall, please be aware that in order to sing in the choir, you must be vaccinated.







# Coffee Hour **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

*"My cup overflows with your blessings."*  
PSALM 23:5

Do you want to celebrate a loved one?

- ◊ Birthday
- ◊ Nameday
- ◊ Anniversary
- ◊ Memorial

## Offer a Coffee Hour at St. Basil!

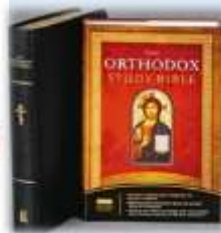
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# ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



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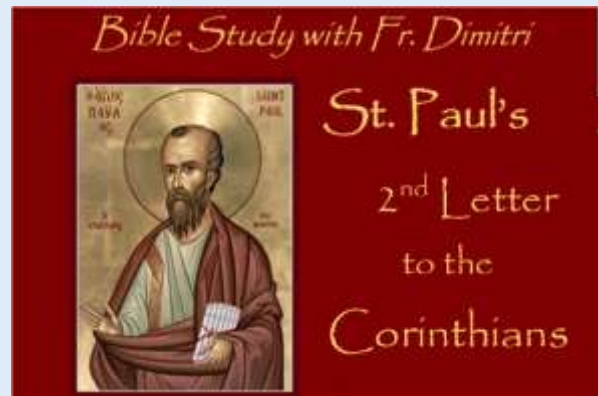


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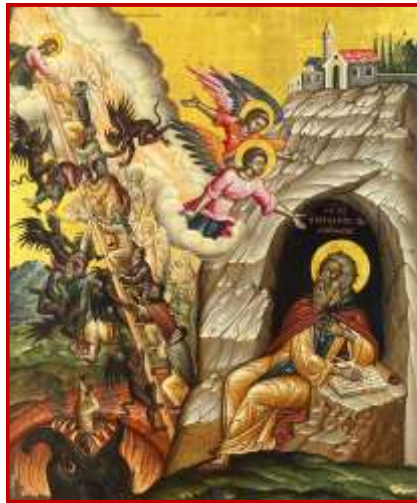
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Participate in a Zoom Meeting Watch on Facebook Live and ask questions in the comments



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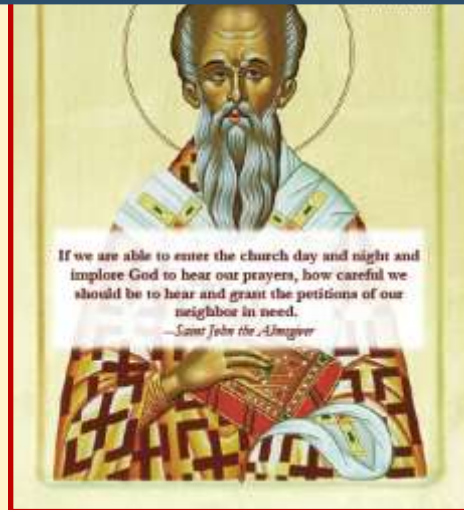
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## Parish Outreach



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**1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.**

- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

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Inspired by the impact of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund established during the pandemic, the Metropolis of Chicago announced today the establishment of a new parish advancement initiative – **the Mustard Seed Fund** – to help drive parish growth through evangelism, welcoming, and outreach.

The Mustard Seed Fund seeks to replicate the successful model of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund, which raised more than \$250,000 for financial assistance to parishes facing economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

To support its objectives and development, the Metropolis of Chicago will seed the new fund with an initial distribution of \$25,000 and will launch and sustain a grassroots fundraising campaign to raise additional donations.

[Learn More](#)

[Donate Now](#)



# Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

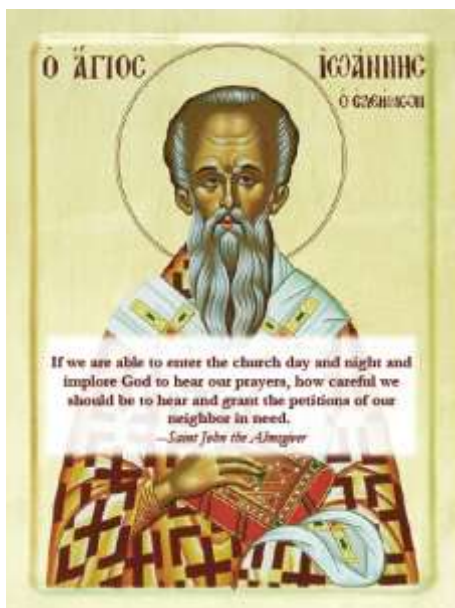
- **Sunday, June 6 , 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Blind Man**
  - Monday , June 7 - Girls Ministry to assist Philoptochos with Coffee Hour
  - Monday , June 7, 7:00pm - Parish Council Meeting
  - Tuesday , June 8, 7:00pm - Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting
- Tuesday , June 8, 7:00pm - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Apodosis of Pascha at St. Demetrios Chicago
- Wednesday, June 9, 7:00pm - Great Vespers for Ascension at Lincolnshire
- Thursday, June 10, 6:30am - Early Morning Divine Liturgy for Holy Ascension
- Thursday, June 10, 7:00pm - Great Vespers for the Apostle Bartholomew (Nathanael) at Elmhurst
- Friday, June 11, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Apostle Bartholomew (Nathanael) at Annunciation Cathedral
- **Sunday, June 13 , 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fathers of the First Council**
  - Tuesday , June 15, 10:00am - Bible Study
  - Wednesday , June 16, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
  - Wednesday , June 16, 6:30pm - Online A.R.E. Class
  - Wednesday , June 16, 7:00pm - Great Vespers for Ascension
- Saturday, June 19, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for The Saturday of Souls

## Parish News and Events

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### We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter [stbasilchicago@comcast.net](mailto:stbasilchicago@comcast.net) into your email contacts list. Thanks!

**Books for Prisoners** - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

### Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

**IMPORTANT:** Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Don't take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

## St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Blind Man	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm Parish Council	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting 7:00pm - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Apododis of Pascha at St. Demetrios Chicago	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Great Vespers for Ascension at Lincolnshire	<b>10</b> 6:30 am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for Holy Ascension 7:00 pm Great Vespers for the Apostle Bartholomew (Nathanael) at Elmhurst	<b>11</b> 8:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Apostle Bartholomew (Nathanael) at Cathedral	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fathers of the First Council	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>19</b> 8:30 am Juneleenth Orthros and Divine Liturgy for The Saturday of Souls
<b>20</b> 8:15 am Father's Day Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Holy Pentecost	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	<b>24</b> 6:30 am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for The Nativity of the Forerunner	<b>25</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for The Sunday of All Saints FATHER DIMITRI SERVING AT FANARI CAMP	<b>28</b> FATHER DIMITRI SERVING AT FANARI CAMP	<b>29</b> 8:30 am "Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Ss. Peter and Paul (at Ss. Peter & Paul, Glenview, IL)" 7:00 pm "Great Vespers for Holy Apostles (at Westchester parish)"	<b>30</b> 8:30 am "Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Synaxis of the Holy Apostles" 6:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class 7:00 pm Great Vespers for Ascension	<b>1</b> FATHER DIMITRI SERVING AT FANARI CAMP	<b>2</b> FATHER DIMITRI SERVING AT FANARI CAMP	<b>3</b> FATHER DIMITRI SERVING AT FANARI CAMP

## Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



**For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:**

Please donate food for the needy.

**I was a stranger, and you took me in:**

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

**Naked, and you clothed me:**

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

**I was sick, and you visited me:**

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: (Send the names of those you wish prayed for)

**I was in prison, and you came unto me:**

**Please pray for:** Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie  
**Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.**

### VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses  
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil  
133 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged  
\$189,624.00

Dollar Amount Collected  
\$100,513.00

Average Pledge  
\$1475.23

**Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

Percent of Stewards engaged in a Ministry of St. Basil  
**95 out of 133 (71.42%)**



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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Please join our  
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**Blood Donors Are Needed!**

**Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Society**

is collaborating with

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to host a Blood Drive at St. George.

Each donation helps save 3 people in medical necessity.

Vitalant Blood Bank requires 40 donors prior to scheduling this event. It is imperative that we meet the minimum required number of donors to make this event happen.

Please contact Dorothy Theodosis at 773-961-5732 or email her at [dot64@rcn.com](mailto:dot64@rcn.com).



# Metropolis Outreach



## CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

## WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats

## DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.
- Canned Vegetables – 2 cans
- Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans
- Peanut Butter – 16 oz.
- Fruit Jam – 18 oz.
- Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.
- Cooking Oil – 24 oz.
- Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack
- Canned Soup/Chili – optional
- Powdered Milk - optional

**This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project**

## COVID KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

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- Mask + Latex Gloves
- Mini Hand Sanitizer
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Tissues
- Feminine Products



**HOPE**  
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**Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church on Sundays from 9am –12pm.**